

SPLENDID IS
EQUIPMENTFlorida East Coast Railway Adds
Twenty Modern Locomotives

ALL SOLID STEEL TRAINS

Efficient Moving Palaces Will Be
Through Trains Next Week—Equipped
With Axel Electrical Generators

Splendid equipment, second to none anywhere, will make the through train service over the Florida East Coast Railway this season veritable moving palaces. Three complete all-steel trains, twenty new locomotives with electric lighting systems will make the trains binding the East Coast together absolutely complete from the standpoint of safety, comfort and speed.

The Pacific type passenger locomotive of the Florida East Coast Railway are among the most powerful passenger locomotives in the South. They have cylinders twenty inches in diameter by twenty-six-inch stroke, weigh 198,500 pounds, carry a boiler pressure of two hundred pounds per square inch and are capable of maintaining a schedule of forty miles per hour on the tracks of the Florida East Coast Railway with a train of twelve Pullman cars.

Their driving wheels, sixty-eight inches in diameter, insure the best combination of speed and power, the forward part of the locomotive being carried on a four-wheel center bearing, swing motion truck, and the rear on a radial trailing truck. The superstructure resting on a nicely adjusted system of crucible steel spring secured to a system of equalizing levers, insures an easy riding engine, one that will take the train into curves without shock.

The tenders of these locomotives carry six thousand gallons of water and ten tons of coal, and are carried on two Fox patent pressed steel trucks. These locomotives are equipped with the latest type Westinghouse air brakes, Pyle national electric head lights, Gold system of steam heat for heating trains, and are thoroughly up-to-date in every particular.

The latest type of these locomotives, many of which were received during the past summer and fall, have cylinders twenty-two inches in diameter by twenty-six-inch stroke, weigh two hundred and three thousand five hundred pounds, and are about ten per cent more powerful than those just described. They are equipped with the Locomotive Superheater Company's Schmidt patent superheaters, and carry boiler pressure of one hundred and eighty pounds per square inch. Only the best material and workmanship enter into the construction of these locomotives.

Three complete all-steel trains will be provided. There are fourteen cars in each, consisting of mail, baggage, express and coaches, made in the shops of the Pullman Company. All are of the latest type and construction. They are electrically lighted throughout by a generating device which also furnishes current for the electric fans. They are also installed in the coaches. The coaches are seventy feet in length, equipped with comfortable high-back seats and have commodious smoking compartments. That the comfort and safety of passengers was the paramount idea in the designing and construction of these cars is apparent to the casual observer.

Copper wires are being strung for telephone dispatching and phones will be located at every station along the Florida East Coast Railway from Jacksonville to Key West. In addition all trains will be equipped so that when necessary they can connect direct with the train dispatcher, regardless of the location of the train. This will go far toward enabling the company to provide a schedule of the highest efficiency.

During the past summer about one hundred miles of additional sidetracks were put in and the yards at division points increased and improved. The extension to Key West, to be completed January 22, was a colossal undertaking and is admittedly the most important work of the age to the nation next to the Panama canal. This extension makes the main line of the Florida East Coast Railway five hundred and twenty-two miles long, confining together as a string of rare pearls all the winter resorts of the Riviera, beginning with Jacksonville on the north and in their order, Daytona, Ormond, Daytona, Daytona, Titusville, Rockledge, Palm Bay, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Long Key Camp, Key West.

By six hour boat ride to the pleasure seeker is landed in the heart of the "pearl of the Antilles." The Florida East Coast Railway's service to its patrons second to none.

Hon. Frank Clark declares Florida Harmon for president. Well, if the State committee will give people a chance to express

their choice, you'll find out that the East Coast Railway told you the wrong thing to say.—Lake City Index.

Of the twenty-six occupants of the President's chair six have been native born Ohioans, as follows: Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and Taft. Virginia has furnished seven. Seventeen of the twenty-six were college graduates, the nine non-collegians being Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson, Cleveland and McKinley.

HOMES IN FLORIDA
ARE EASY TO BUILD

"The ease with which a new home can be made in Florida is almost impossible of belief, even when related in the plainest and most positive language, to the people who have been crowding and developing the West during the past thirty years," said a gentleman in talking to one of the numerous "homeseekers" who lately arrived here seeking a location.

"Of course, a large portion of the land in the new colonies must be cleared before crops can be cultivated, unless one buys an improved place, but in a majority of instances the timber which must be removed furnished material for houses, fences, sheds, fuel and other essentials.

"The settlers will find that throughout the year he can plant for his use some crop that will mature and be ready for his table in ninety days. He will need but few and simple implements for cultivation of his lands. He can build his own house—if he needs be—and be far more comfortable fixed than a man who goes West to live. In five years a resolute man should have won a sufficient competence for the balance of his life."

Every word in this is correct. Florida possesses innumerable advantages over the West for the homeseeker. It would take many columns of a newspaper to begin to point out all of these advantages. Those who have tried both sections are the ones who know best.

To talk to any man who has lived in the West for five years, and who has then come to Florida to live; you could not, as a rule, pay that man to return to the West.

But the man who thinks he can come to Florida and make a living without working is sadly mistaken. There is (continued on page 8)

THE REAL RESULT OF
NEW JERSEY ELECTION

Probably ninety-nine out of every hundred people in the country, even including those who take a pretty acute interest in politics, believe that at the recent election a large majority of the people of New Jersey voted the republican ticket and rebuked Governor Wilson. This either as a statement of fact or as an inference on the day after the election bristled joyfully from every standpoint headline, cartoon and editorial where the wish was father to the thought. What were the facts? Omit all talk of the treachery of the democratic boss, the coldly planned knifing that the democratic machine gave Wilson; omit everything in the nature of explanation, consider only the official figures.

Democratic vote	160,184
Republican vote	157,084

Democratic majority . . . 3,100
It does not matter in the least that the most densely settled section of New Jersey is the lair of the treacherous boss and that therefore he was enabled to elect a republican lower house. A majority of the votes cast with Wilson not running, were democratic. What not running, were democratic. What the majority might have been or will be, with him on the ticket is a speculation; that the state had a republican majority of 41,502 the year before Wilson left his college to enter politics is history.—Collier's Weekly.

A FORMER MINISTER
FILES DIVORCE SUIT

A matter of considerable interest, both in this city and throughout the State, transpired in Tampa last Friday when W. K. Piner, until recently pastor of the Methodist church at Lakeland, but has recently gone to Tampa to engage in the practice of law, filed divorce proceedings against his wife, in the Hillsborough county court.

Immediately after the papers were filed they were withdrawn from court, hence it is not known exactly what grounds are stated. If it is understood, however, that Mrs. Piner is in a sanitarium in Kentucky, and has been there for several years. Some years ago, when Mr. Piner was pastor of the First Methodist church of Tampa, Mrs. Piner was also a resident, living there with him, and she is well remembered by many people of Tampa. She has not been in Florida, however, for the past four or five years.

Mr. Piner was noted as one of the most brilliant ministers in the Florida Conference, but at a conclusion of this year's ministry in Lakeland he decided to give up the pulpit for the bar, and to give up the pulpit with W. T. Marston for the practice of law in Tampa.

MERITORIOUS
PROPOSITIONA Qualified Judge so Refers To
Fort Pierce Farms Property

BEST LAND IN FLORIDA

Believes an Investment in These Lands
Can be Safely Counted "Gilt Edge"
—Agricultural Value Unsurpassed

Jensen, Fla., Dec. 21th, 1911.
Florida East Coast Realty Co., Fort Pierce, Florida.

Gentlemen:—When one realizes the unwarranted representations that are being made by some of the Companies in Florida that are inducing people to invest in lands, one who has any respect for their reputation may well be more than careful in giving testimony as to the merits of any particular tract or sections; I have done this but once, and then with the necessary qualifications.

I have such a well founded aversion to the indiscriminate representations that are prevalent in the sale of lands in Florida to non-residents, that I would be very loath to add my testimonial as to the value of any body of land that did not fulfill my ideas as to their adaptability to meet the requirements of those to whom they are most likely to be sold.

Fruit and vegetable growing are among the accepted profitable resources of the state, but Florida is bound, sooner or later to broaden her industries into the more stable and substantial departments of agriculture—into that class of farming that is not so entirely dependent upon market conditions immediately upon the maturity of crops as the fruit and vegetable crops require; understand me as in no way underestimating the full value of the last mentioned crops, but the prospective settler, when seeking a permanent investment had far better be sure that the land he selects has a fertility and body which will enable him to grow all those necessary farm products; from which to feed his stock, his chickens and practically his family, in other words have a real farm—such lands are not to be found everywhere, but my investigation of your holdings has convinced me that you have a body of land that is ideal, and I believe will meet the requirements of that great class of people who want something that has real merit—land on which they can grow fruits and vegetables—land that will produce the real necessities of life, lands which when properly put in order for cropping, will always have a real value—a value predicated on their fertility and unquestionable ability to return to the owner full value for money and labor expended. It is this class of land that is going to give to Florida that stability which the fruit and vegetable business alone cannot supply.

I feel that my twenty years residence in this section in a measure qualifies me as being a fair judge of the facts of which I speak, and I wish to congratulate you on having such a meritorious proposition to submit to prospective settlers, and I predict that in a few years we will witness a development along the line I have above mentioned that would be a credit to the Blue grass sections of Kentucky. As a whole body your holdings are among the best that I know in the state, and with proper drainage which you are now doing, an investment in them is something that one can safely count on as, "gilt edge."

Yours very truly,
W. K. HARDEE.

PUBLIC RECEPTION
FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

The advent of the new year will be celebrated by the Ladies Society of the Presbyterian Church, in giving a reception at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. W. McCombs.

The popularity of these ladies as entertainers is well deserved and the people of Fort Pierce will be glad to take the glad hand extended to them, and to all strangers, on New Year's Day. The hours of receiving will be from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 10 p. m.

CITRUS MOVEMENTS
SHOW BIG INCREASE

"The Florida Citrus movement for the past ten days has probably never been equalled for the same length of time before in the history of the industry," said Manager J. M. Simmons, of the Produce News. "There have gone out of Florida since Monday of last week more than fifteen hundred cars of the sun-kissed golden product that is making the state famous throughout the length and breadth of this country. There has been an unprecedented rush of orders from all over the country, and a gratifying feature is the unusually heavy demand from the

South. Our near neighbors appear to have just become aware how delicious a fruit a Florida orange is, and they are taking hold with an enthusiasm which means a larger demand and a permanent one for the future.

"The very heavy movement for the Christmas trade has brought the total shipments for the season within a hundred cars of the pre-holiday movement last year. The movement this year has probably reached four thousand cars.

MEN AND RELIGION
FORWARD MOVEMENT

Sunday, the 17th, a union meeting was held for the Methodists and Presbyterians in the Improvement club hall. However, a great majority of those for whom it was held, failed to recognize its importance, or they would not have allowed a few showers to keep them away. The "Men and Religion Forward Movement" was up for discussion.

This movement is not a new organization, but an effort of the men's societies of the various churches, together with the Sunday School Association and the Y. M. C. A. to rouse the interest and enlist the activities of men and boys in religious work, and if possible, to reach the 3,000,000 men and boys needed to make the church as strong in masculine membership as it is in feminine.

Why should not the men of Fort Pierce respond to this effort and help along so worthy a movement? Are they satisfied with the religious and moral conditions here? When so many of the boys and girls are entering upon a course of immorality and wickedness, when the very foundations of society are endangered, and it seems so hard to keep our young people from vicious influences, is it not time for the men and women to be up and doing?

How foolish and wicked to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come" and then by indifference, or positive sin, to hinder the Kingdoms growth and help the Devil in his work of destruction.

A committee of laymen from each of the Protestant churches has been named by the pastors, and a call for a meeting of men will be made soon. Speakers from Jacksonville will be present to present the work of the movement. A great rally will be held in that city in February, and Fort Pierce should have a good delegation in attendance.

CLOSING EXERCISES
KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Friday morning the kindergarten class of Mrs. W. F. Schorer gave a very pleasant little Christmas entertainment at the close of their first term.

The parents of each pupil were invited to come and watch the children go through with their work, the singing of motion songs, recitations, etc., and to each one who responded, there was a pleasant surprise for them.

The parlor at Mrs. Schorer's home was attractive and suggestive of the Christmas tide, as there in gay dress stood a Christmas tree, with gifts for each member of the class from their teacher, and for the parents, dainty remembrances made by the children, and a number of little gifts for the teacher, as tokens of love from the children.

After the program was over, Mrs. Schorer and her little class served ice cream and fancy cakes, and then Rev. McCombs was asked to take the part of Santa Claus and distribute the gifts.

The farewell song was then sung and all bade Mrs. Schorer good-bye, with many expressions of delight and praise for the pleasant morning and able way she handled so many little tots.

The kindergarten class will have two weeks for a holiday and we wish both teacher and pupils a happy one.

CLOSING EXERCISES
OF ELDRED SCHOOL

The closing exercises of the Eldred school for the Christmas holidays Friday evening were much enjoyed by the parents and friends of the pupils. The school house was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns. The following program was excellently rendered:

Recitation	Mabel Bennett
Recitation	Irene Robinson
Recitation	Emmie Bennett
Recitation	Harold Ankeney
Song	School
Play, "Press Prize Christmas Poems"	School
Recitation	Emmaline Stevens
Dialogue	"After the Circus"
Dennis Bennett and Daniel More	
Song	School
Recitation	Dennis Bennett
Dialogue, "Trials of a School Teacher"	Teacher, Gladys Stevens, Johnny White and Harold Ankeney.
Recitation	Mabel Bennett
Recitation	Margaret Robinson
Reading	Daniel More
Song	School
Music rendered by Miss Newton.	
All Eldred join in thanking the teacher.	Miss Wigfield, for the enjoyable evening's entertainment.

CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATEDHow the Day was Celebrated By
The Citizens of Fort Pierce

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREES

Four Celebrations by the Churches—A
General Holiday—Dinner Parties And
Automobile Rides and Boating

Christmas Day was a most pleasant one in Fort Pierce and will long be long remembered by everyone, especially the newcomers in this section, who have been accustomed to associating Christmas with zero weather, snow, sleds and furs, for here the thermometer ranged between seventy and eighty, not only on Christmas day, but for several days preceeded and following it.

The season has been a most festive one in Fort Pierce this year, as it attested by the statements of all of our merchants, that the holiday trade has far exceeded any previous year in their experience. Santa Claus seems to have been especially generous with the children, for in every part of town were gathered groups of little tots enjoying their new brought gifts.

Automobile riding, dinner parties, boating parties to the ocean beach and various other diversions were enjoyed by our people during the day, but probably the events of most interest were Christmas trees provided by the various Sunday schools:

PRESBYTERIAN.
The Presbyterian Sunday School gave their Christmas entertainment at the Improvement club hall Friday evening where a large audience was in attendance to greet the children.

Superintendent Leslie Daniels and Miss Genie Andrews deserve great credit for the success of this affair. They were untiring in their efforts to train the children in the different songs, drills, recitations and dialogues, which were presented, each child doing his part well and receiving hearty applause.

We would like to give the program in full, but time and space will not permit, and to lay stress on one number more than another we cannot do honestly, as all did exceptionally well.

Rev. and Mrs. McCombs were well received in their songs and added much to the entertainment.

The tree, filled with pretty boxes of candy for each member of the Sunday School, old and young, stood in the corner and looked bright in its pretty dress of tinsel and gold. This took the eye of the little tots, and when Mr. Daniels announced that Santa Claus was on the way and would soon be there to give out the gifts, all eyes were eager to catch the first glimpse of him and when he appeared, a merry peal of laughter went up.

Each little heart there was made happy once more at Christmas time, and those who had worked hard for the success of the Sunday School Christmas entertainment felt well repaid.

METHODIST.
Monday (Christmas) evening at 7:30 o'clock the Methodist Sunday School celebrated Christmas with a Christmas tree and exercises appropriate to the occasion—the singing of songs, recitations, dialogues and select readings—all of which received hearty applause from the large audience.

Mesdames W. L. Baker and W. P. Watson, with the assistance of Miss Lula Jones at the piano, were in charge of the entire program and it goes without saying that it was all good and greatly enjoyed.

The church on this occasion was tastily decorated with festoons of red and Christmas bells and the pretty tree added to the scene its usual interest for the little folks.

Santa Claus was unable to be there, but he sent a good supply of candy, nuts and oranges which were distributed among all the children in the church. The church was crowded beyond its seating capacity, so there were a number who did not have the pleasure of witnessing this pleasant entertainment.

EPISCOPAL.
The Episcopal Sunday School treated their pupils to a beautiful Christmas tree Monday evening in St. Andrew's. The decorations were beautiful and much credit is due the committee who had that in charge.

An interesting program was rendered by the pupils consisting of special Christmas carols and recitations by the infant class, followed by an address to the children by the rector, Rev. Reade. Then came the distribution of the Christmas presents. The tree contained a gift for each pupil as well as candy, nuts and fruit. Miss Edna James received a special gift for regular attendance during the year.

BAPTIST.
Tuesday evening the Baptist Sunday School celebrated the birth of our Savior with the usual Christmas tree, which was very pretty and hung full of gifts to make the hearts of young and old glad. The exercise were very interesting, consisting of music by the school and recitations, dialogues, etc.